



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk (860)441-6640
Town Manager (860)441-6630

Representative Town Meeting

Representatives Jeffrey Armstrong, Joseph Baril, Lori Bartinik, Genevieve Cerf, Wayne Chiapperini, Michael Collins, Joseph delaCruz, Luanne DeMatto, Debra Dickey, Susan Dowling, Shirley Dunbar-Rose, George Edwards Jr, Suzanne Elliot, Norbert Fay, Robert Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Barbara Hoelck, Gordon Lange, David Miner, Nancy Mitchell, Deborah Monteiro, Matt Morton, Scott Newsome, Nora Patterson, Darcy Peruzzotti, Kevin Power, Don Pratt, Rita Schmidt,, Jennifer Smuts, Eleanor Steere, Fritz Stein, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, George Swift, Patricia Thunberg, Tom Vivirito, Robert Walker Sr, John Waller and Elizabeth Weil.

Wednesday, June 09, 2004

7:30 PM

Senior Center

Regular Meeting - Revised Agenda

- A. ROLL CALL**
 - B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
 - C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. April 14, 2004**
 - 2. Annual Budget Meeting**
 - D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS**
 - E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS**
 - F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:**
 - 1. Financial report**
 - 2. Monthly briefing**
 - G. LIAISON REPORTS**
 - 1. Town Council - Rep. Cerf**
 - 2. Economic Development Commission - Rep. Schmidt**
 - 3. Town Council/Board of Education Liaison Committee - Rep. Patterson**
 - 4. School Design Committee - Rep. Miner**
 - H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 1. FINANCE**
 - a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Schmidt**
- 2004-0149 FYE 2004 Fourth Quarter Transfers**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FYE 2004 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS
WHEREAS, Section 8.9.5 of the Town Charter provides that upon the request of the Town Manager, in the last three months of the fiscal year, the Council may transfer any unencumbered appropriations from one department to another, and

WHEREAS, Section 8.9.7 of the Town Charter provides for expenditures to be made from the

Contingency account, subject to adoption by the Representative Town Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the General Contingency was appropriated at \$400,000 for the current fiscal year, and the following expenditures totalling \$184,500 will leave a Contingency balance of \$215,500, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfers shall be made:

- 1) to Legislative Policy \$10,000
- 2) to Voter Registration \$8,500
- 3) to Legal Services \$36,000
- 4) to Police Department/Patrol and Criminal Investigation \$85,000
- 5) to Public Works/Snow and Ice Control \$45,000

for a total of \$184,500.

Legislative History

4/20/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
5/3/04	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Finance Committee
5/4/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

Director of Finance Sal Pandolfo explained that money is put aside in the Contingency account for the purpose of transferring funds at the end of the year for overdrawn accounts. There are five functions that need transfers. Mr. Pandolfo summarized the requests and justifications. Transfers total approximately \$184,000, leaving a balance of approximately \$215,000 in Contingency that will ultimately go back into fund balance.

Councilor Sheets asked about the costs associated with Vice President Cheney's visit. The Town Manager explained that Rob Simmons recently reimbursed the Town for costs associated with the visit of First Lady Laura Bush. That was a unique situation because Simmons' office recognized the negative publicity that was taking place. Normally the Town is not reimbursed when VIPs visit.

5/4/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion
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to recommend a resolution transferring \$184,500 from Contingency to various functions as needed to cover unanticipated expenditures

5/4/04	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken
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5/4/04	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
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The resolution was read by Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent.

Councilor Sheets noted for the public that Sal Pandolfo, Director of Finance, met with the Town Council and gave reasonable explanations for the fourth quarter transfers.

2. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Dickey

3. EDUCATION

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Newsome

4. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman DeMatto

5. RECREATION

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman delaCruz

6. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Vivirito

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Collins

2004-0013 Abandonment of a Portion of Cedar Lane

RESOLUTION FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF CEDAR LANE

WHEREAS, a recorded property map showing Cedar Lane in Noank includes a designated right-of-way which has never been used and is situated beyond the present end of the usable portion of the lane and within the apparent and presumed property of a resident, and

WHEREAS, there has never been a Town plan to use that portion of the indicated right- of-way for Cedar Lane, and there is no foreseeable purpose or intention for the Town of Groton to build or use any extension of Cedar Lane, and

WHEREAS, the indication of a Town right-of-way in official land records unfairly impedes the sale or encumbrance of the residential property involved, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission on February 23, 2004, sent a report in favor of the abandonment of the Town's interest of a 727 square foot portion of Cedar Lane, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has no deeded interest or title in the said right-of-way, and consequently holds no asset or value in the said right-of-way, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon the approval or concurrence of the Representative Town Meeting, the Town Manager may execute a quit claim deed in favor of the owners at 40 Cedar Lane to relinquish any and all claim or ownership by the Town of Groton in a right-of-way of 727 square feet, more or less.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

1/2/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Public Works C
1/13/04	Town Council Public Works Committee	Discussed	
4/13/04	Town Council Public Works Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
4/20/04	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
4/20/04	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
<i>Councilor Bartinik explained that this is a small portion of land that is being quit-claimed by the Town to the residents at 40 Cedar Lane. It was not clear who the owner of the piece of land was, which made it difficult for the residents at 40 Cedar Lane to have a clear title to their property to refinance or sell it. The quit-claim confirms that the Town doesn't have an interest in the land and clears the title for the residents of 40 Cedar Lane.</i>			
5/3/04	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Public Works Committe

8. RULES & PROCEDURES

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Weil

I. OTHER BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT